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1. The Bolivian army is prepared to take over the government and appoint a general as president if the government reacts unfavorably to a new demand which the army will make of the government during the week of 19-24 December. The general selected is reported to be Ovidio Quiroga. No information is now available on what the army demand will be.
2. Colonel Isaac Vincenti, Director General of the Bolivian National Police, is being forced out of his position by army authorities.
3. High army officials recently threatened the government with violence unless promotions of three generals and twelve colonels were approved.* Commander-in-Chief of the Bolivian army, General Felipe M. Rivera, long regarded as pro-democratic, was forced to resign by the same authorities, and Chief of the General Staff of the Bolivian army, Colonel David Terrazas, will be forced to submit his resignation in the immediate future.**

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Comment: The government officially approved the promotions on 16 December.

Comment: On 16 December, the government officially published Rivera's resignation. No official announcement has as yet been made concerning Terrazas.

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